

The OVH ARC Newsletter
"OLE VIRGINIA HAMS" AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
Post Office Box 1255, Manassas, Va. 20108
Repeaters -- W4OVH -- 146.970- & 224.660- & 442.200+
OVH Nodes -- Port 1: 145.030 Mhz; Port 2: 223.660 Mhz (SysOp Use Only)
Port 3: 223.540 MHz; Port 4: 440.925Mhz 9600 Baud backbone
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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

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Next meeting November 20, 2006

Need your input for the Newsletter. The deadline for submissions is the 5th of each month.!!!

(Editor)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) was a big success. We had a large increase in the number of scouts attending. Thanks to Theresa, KG4TVM, for chairing the event and recruiting scouts at the Round Table with AL, KB4BHB. At Jota, the scouts were interested in Morse (by AL), QRP and Software Defined Radio by Wayne, AG4ZZ, and PSK by Dwight, AI4II as well as 2 meter FM and HF SSB by Ruth, KU4WH, Butch, W4HJL and myself. We also had the very much-appreciated help of Craig, WA3UFY, Mary Lu, KB4EFP, Art, W1CRO and Joe KI4OHR. Theresa has Patches for each of the scouts attending and will distribute them at the next Scout Roundtable. She will bring a patch to the next OVH meeting so you can see it.

Please remember the new OVH meeting start time of 7:30 pm.

I have received overwhelming support for the way meetings have been conducted. Under the bylaws, I am "guided" by Roberts's rules of order. This means that the person running the OVH meeting can make exceptions to deal with special situations or special people. We are not going to be bogged down in legalisms or parliamentary procedure.

We have a very interesting program for next meeting. All hams have a hand held and many would like to work satellites. Mark, WA4KFZ, will speak on working satellites with a hand held. Mark had many satellite QSOs at our Battle of Bull Run special event in August. He also uses an arrow antenna.

Finally, as we look forward, I am happy to announce that Theresa and myself will again be hosting the OVH holiday party on December 16. It will again be a potluck dinner.

More details to come on the reflector.

73, John KG4NXT

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OFFICERS

President:	John Heartney	KG4NXT	257-3566
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Don (Butch) Blasdel	W4HJL	369-2877
Art Whittum	W1CRO	791-4330
Charlie Dale	WA4YGI	361-3091

WEEKLY NETS

Thursdays — 8:00 PM	JOHN	257-3566
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HAMFEST 2007

TBA

FIELD DAY 2007

George	K4GVT	791-5956
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877

CLUB ROSTER

Blaine	KB4RKL	369-2877
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EDUCATION

Trisha	KI4PCM	335-1096
Brian	WC4J	257-9545

CLUB EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

David Meola	KI4AZX	393-6681
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ARES AREA EMERGENCY COORDINATOR

David Lane	KG4GIY	361-3042
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F.A.R. REPS.

Ruth	KU4WH	331-1234
Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877

FINANCE

Mary Lu	KB4EFP	369-2877
Bill	N3OH	590-9562
Ruth	KU4WH	331-1234
Art	W1CRO	791-4330

GENERATORS

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Keith	KM4AA	909-1512

HISTORIAN

Theresa	KG4TVM	257-3566
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HOME PAGE

Bill	N3OH	590-9562
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JOTA

John H.	KG4NXT	257-3566
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LEGAL

Pete	KB4RME	369-2436
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Joe Dobes	KI4OHR	369-2639
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NEWSLETTER

Steve	KB4OF	368-6901
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NEWSLINE

Karl	W4KRL	802-1527
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PACKET

Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N3OH	590-9562

PROGRAM'S

TBA

PUBLICITY

Trisha	KI4PCM	335-1096
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O' MASTER

Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
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REPEATER CONTROLLERS

Art	W1CRO	791-4330
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
Milt	N4SN	369-7265
Steve	N4OGR	361-0008
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Art	W1CRO	791-4330
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SCHOLARSHIP

Jim	W4JTP	392-0150
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SUNSHINE

Jan	KE4TMW	257-0897
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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Art	W1CRO	791-4330
Alan	KD4KBX	330-8844
Bill	N3OH	590-9562
Butch	W4HJL	369-2877
George	K4GVT	791-7688
Karl	W4KRL	802-1527
Bob	K4HJF	335-1939

The OVH Times is the official publication of the "Ole Virginia Hams" ARC, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of Amateur Radio. The OVH ARC meets at 7:30PM every third Monday of the month at the NOVEC Tech Center in Gainesville. Prospective members are invited.

Local information can always be obtained, at any time, through the usage of the OVH repeaters (146.97- & 224.660- Mhz). All are welcome.

Permission is hereby granted for the reprinting of articles and quotations in this letter, provided full credit is given to the OVH ARC, and the author of the article. Contribution of printed articles by both members and non-members is encouraged. The deadline for submissions is the 5th of each month. Submissions should be forwarded to OVH TIMES EDITOR: Steve Meade KB4OF, PO Box 1418, Manassas, VA 20108-1418, or to kb4of@arrl.net

Letters to the Editor and Classified Ads are accepted and welcome. Approx. Circulation – 170

Minutes of the Ole' Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting – October 16, 2006

John / KG4NXT called meeting to order at 2000 Eastern Time.

Following the **Pledge of Allegiance**, all present stated their names and call signs. There were **25 OVH members** and **one guest** present.

BUSINESS MEETING

John / KG4NXT recently attended an ARRL section meeting. Glen Sage, our section manager, was there. This took place at the new Red Cross shelter. You need to have a background check before going to the shelter. Glenn also brought up the example of the Japan amateur radio association, which has gone from 1.1 million to 100 thousand members. ARRL is doing much better in terms of retaining membership, but we need to keep in mind that sustained high membership cannot be taken for granted. They feel that FCC will go “no code” at some point.

We have **JOTA** this weekend. **Theresa / KG4TVM** gave the details. It's at the Urbanna Swim Club on October 21. We are recruiting scouts and we have some promises. We need volunteers. We will have an antenna party on Friday at 9:30a.m. We have a flier posted in the scout leaders' mailbox, so the word has been spread. **Dwight / AI4II** noted that this is a great social event for the OVH as well as a great event for the scouts. **Al / KB4BHB** has submitted an application to become a merit badge counselor.

COMMITTEES

The minutes of the September 2006 OVH meeting were approved.

Bill / N3OH read the **Treasurer's Report**.

REPEATERS: Art / W1CRO - All repeaters are working well for the most part. There has been some interference in the mornings. We may have to go to 100 Hz PL on 2 meters full time, but we realize there is still some older equipment that does not have PL capability.

Joe / KI4OHR noted that his daughter's school (**Cedar Park Elementary**) recently held a “space week” and had an astronaut give a presentation on living in space. Joe is going to send an application to have an event to have the students at the school contact the **International Space Station (ISS)** in May 2007. Joe will provide updates. **George / K4GVT** and **Mark / WA4KFZ** are well versed in satellite communication and have the proper equipment.

EDUCATION: Brian / WC4J – We have three students in the class and all is going well.

PACKET: Bill / N3OH - Bill's station is not working, but the OVH node is still working. Other stations are still working. The webpage server is working well. The 9600 baud node is working well.

EMERGENCY COORDINATOR: David / KI4AZX – There is a state-wide training drill on October 24 called “fowl play.” One purpose is to provide packet training. **David / KG4GIY** is coordinating this event. Volunteers are still needed for the Marine Corps Marathon.

NEW BUSINESS

John / KG4NXT noted that there was some sentiment to start the monthly meeting earlier. The general consensus was to begin the meeting at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made to begin the meeting at 7:30 p.m. beginning with the November 2006 meeting. The motion passed with just one dissenting vote.

A general discussion of possibly moving the meeting site took place, and several members volunteered to look into different sites.

Steve Meade / KB4OF had an operation last week to remove a brain tumor. We all wish Steve a speedy and full recovery.

Art/W1CRO won the 50/50 raffle. \$36 was collected, and Art donated his winning share back to the Club. Thank you Art.

The meeting adjourned at 2109 Eastern time.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Condolences to **David/KI4AZX**, whose father died recently. Here is his obituary.

On October 8th, 2006, at the age of 75, the Lord called Lewis Meola to be with him. He is survived by his wife, Regina, of 53 years. He leaves behind a daughter, Karen Cerwinski, of New Canton, VA; two sons, Ronald and wife Maryann, of Englishtown, NJ; David and wife Erika, of Bristow, VA; a sister, Joanne Agliata and husband Jerry, of White Plains, NY; a brother, Anthony and wife Sandy, of South Plainfield, NJ. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Linda Meola. Lewis served his country for 4 years in the United States Navy as a machinists mate 2nd class aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Waller (DDE-466) during the Korean War. He received the United Nations Service Medal, the Navy Occupation Service Medal (Asiatic Clasp), the Korean Service Medal, as well as the Good Conduct Medal. Lewis worked for Bell Laboratories in the Research and Development department for the semiconductor, the Trans-Atlantic Communications cable, and the Telstar Communications Satellite. After leaving Bell Laboratories, he started his own business, Rampart of Hunterdon Security Systems, installing residential and commercial burglar and fire alarm systems. After 25 years in the business, he retired in 2001 and moved to Virginia. Crematory arrangements will be made by Colbert Funeral Home, of Bremo Bluff, VA. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests all donations be made to the Toga Fire Department, 177 Mt. Rush Highway, Dillwyn, VA 23936 (434)-969-4444.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to **Steve/KB4OF**, our fine editor, who is home from the hospital after surgery. We hope to see you again soon!

Happy Birthday to our friends and fellows Hams: **Mike/N3NVF**, **Butch/W4HJL**, **Charlotte/KG4QXO**, **Charlie/WA4YGI**, **Theresa/KG4TVM**, **Gene/KD4RHC**, **Ken/KM4UH**, **Tom/WA2QAL**, and **Joe/AB4QV**. Hope each of you has a great day!

There are a number of members for whom I don't know the birth month. If you'd like your birthday celebrated here, please drop me a line with your birth month, so I may update my records. Thanks! And as always, please let me know when there is good news or bad news in your lives -- it doesn't have to be ham-related!

A sincere thank you to our fellow Hams who are also veterans. We appreciate your service to our country.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, and give thanks for our Club, our members, and our country.

73 de **Jan/KE4TMW**

ARRL W1AW WINTER OPERATING SCHEDULE

SB QST @ ARL \$ARLB022
ARLB022 W1AW 2006/2007 Winter Operating Schedule

ZCZC AG22
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 22 ARLB022
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT October 30, 2006
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB022
ARLB022 W1AW 2006/2007 Winter Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC to 1700 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM EST)

1800 UTC to 2045 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST)

(Station closed 1700 to 1800 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM EST))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri

2100 " " CWs Tue, Thu

2200 " (5 PM EST) CWb Daily

2300 " (6 PM EST) RTTY Daily

0000 " (7 PM EST) CWs Mon, Wed, Fri

0000 " " CWf Tue, Thu

0100 " (8 PM EST) CWb Daily

0200 " (9 PM EST) RTTY Daily

0245 " (9:45 PM EST) VOICE Daily

0300 " (10 PM EST) CWf Mon, Wed, Fri

0300 " " CWs Tue, Thu

0400 " (11 PM EST) CWb Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.8175 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 147.555

RTTY: - 3.625 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095 147.555

VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590 147.555

Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM

CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM

CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW Bulletins.

RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC (100 Baud).

ASCII (110 Baud) is sent only as time allows.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM EST), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Thursdays and 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Fridays.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

FCC licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1500 UTC to 1700 UTC (10 AM to 12 PM EST), and then from 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST) Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur radio license or a photocopy.

The W1AW Operating Schedule may also be found on page 102 in the November 2006 issue of QST or on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html>.

ARRL Exam Session Search

Downloaded from ARRL Web Site

This page will help you find a US amateur license exam session near you.

28-Nov-2006

Sponsor: MARYLAND MOBILEERS
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: HAROLD L NICHOLS
(410)757-0493
Email: WB4QGP@CABLESPEED.COM
VEC: [Laurel VEC](#)
Location: HISTORIC ELECTRONICS MUSEUM
WEST NURSERY ROAD
NEAR MARRIOTT HOTEL
LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MD 21090

02-Dec-2006

Sponsor: BALTIMORE ARC
Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: LORENZ W SCHAEFER
(410)247-0578
Email: N3WKE@ARRL.NET
VEC: [Laurel VEC](#)
Location: BARC MTG & TRAINING FACILITY
12360 OWINGS MILLS BLVD
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED
MAY REGISTER FROM 1 TO 2 PM
OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117

02-Dec-2006

Sponsor: MASSANUTTEN ARA
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: GAYLE L SHULL
(540)828-2132
Email: GSKUXN@MSN.COM
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: WOODMEN OF THE WORLD BLDG
STATE ROUTE 42
KN4FM@ARRL.NET (FREQ 145.130)
TEL: 540-434-0859 (KN4FM)
DAYTON, VA 22821

09-Dec-2006

Sponsor: ANNE ARUNDEL RADIO CLUB
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: ROBERT L ROSE
(410)437-8193
Email: AA3RR@KI3DS.ORG
VEC: [Laurel VEC](#)
Location: DAVIDSON FAMILY RECREATION CENTER
3789 QUEEN ANNE BRIDGE RD
WWW.W3VPR.ORG
REGISTRATION STARTS @ NOON
DAVIDSONVILLE, MD 21035

09-Dec-2006

Sponsor: MOUNT VERNON ARC
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: JOHN L FORREST
(703)971-3905
Email: WZ4A@ARRL.NET
VEC: [Laurel VEC](#)
Location: FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH-PARK IN REAR
2723 KING ST
DOOR@INTERSECTION OF CHURCH
& ATTACHED SCHOOL BUILDING
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302

09-Dec-2006

Sponsor: RICHMOND ARC/RAVE
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: PATRICK WILSON
(804)932-9424
Email: W4PW@COX.NET
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: [HTTP://WWW.CO.HENRICO.VA.US/LIBRARY/NP.HTM](http://WWW.CO.HENRICO.VA.US/LIBRARY/NP.HTM)
8508 FRANCONIA RD
NORTH PARK BRANCH LIBRARY
WWW.W4PW.ORG
RICHMOND, VA 23227

09-Dec-2006

Sponsor: SOUTHERN PA COMM GROUP VE TEAM
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: CAROL KIRSCHMAN
(717)235-0273
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: SHREWSBURY BOROUGH HALL
35 W RAILROAD AVE
CAROL@NFDC.NET
KC6GMN@NFDC.NET
SHREWSBURY, PA 17361

10-Dec-2006

Sponsor: WARS & NSDXA
Time: 1:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: ALAN R MOECK
(540)869-1117
Email: WA2RPX@ARRL.NET
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: TIMBROOK PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
231 E PICCADILLY ST
PRE-REGISTRATION URGED
WINCHESTER, VA 22601

10-Dec-2006

Sponsor: RAPPAHANNOCK VE GROUP
Time: 1:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: CURT R BARTHOLOMEW
(540)720-2392
Email: N3GQ@MSN.COM
VEC: [ARRL/VEC](#)
Location: PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
2001 PARKWAY BLVD
WWW.WW4VA.ORG
WALK-INS ONLY!

American Red Cross Clarifies Background Check Policy



(Nov 10, 2006) -- The American Red Cross (ARC) has attempted to clarify its policy to require background checks of its employees and volunteers, at least as far as the policy applies to possible credit checks. After the ARC announced the policy in July through regional and local chapters, Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) members who support Red Cross disaster relief and recovery efforts began expressing concerns to ARRL. In some past incidents -- most notably the 2001 World Trade Center terror attacks and the 2005 Hurricane Katrina response -- ARES volunteers have had to badge in as Red Cross volunteers. In a statement to the ARRL November 9, Laura Howe, the ARC's director of response communication and marketing, stressed that, while background check applicants must give permission to conduct a credit check, the ARC has no intention of conducting them across the board.



Plenipotentiary Delegates Elect Amateur Radio-Friendly ITU Secretary-General

(Nov 10, 2006) -- Member states of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) attending the 17th ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Antalya, Turkey, have elected Hamadoun I. Touré of Mali as Secretary-General of ITU for a four-year term. Touré topped a field of six candidates to succeed Japan's Yoshio Utsumi, who cannot run for another term. International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) President Larry Price, W4RA, says the ITU member states chose wisely in their selection of Touré.



Feature: Youth@HamRadio.Fun: Youth, Youth Everywhere . . . (Nov 10, 2006) -- Find out about all the places ham radio's youth have been lately. Several young radio amateurs have received awards, some attended a hamfest and others participated in the 2006 Jamboree on the Air!

ARRL 500 kHz Experiment Kicking into High Gear (Nov 10, 2006) -- The group of Amateur Radio operators researching the radio spectrum in the vicinity of 500 kHz already have recorded a few successes. The 500 KC Experimental Group for Amateur Radio is operating under Part 5 experimental license WD2XSH, which the FCC Office of Engineering and Technology granted September 13 to the ARRL. Project manager Fritz Raab, W1FR, says WD2XSH participants have been heard across both the Atlantic and the Pacific as well as all around the US.